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RE: US Patent Application Serial No. 09/214,822
Our Ref: 14XZ00014

Per our telephone conversation of today enclosed herewith is a Preliminary Amendment which amends the above application to recite that It is a continuation application of PCT/FR97/01232 designating the US.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of
MULLER ET AL: METHOD OF LOCATING AN
ELEMENT OF INTEREST
CONTAINED IN A THREE-
DIMENSIONAL OBJECT

Serial No.: 09/214,822

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Fairfield, CT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Attn: BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231
Sir:

Please amend the specification as follows:

a' Page 1, before the first line of the text insert: -- This is a continuation application
of International Application No. PCT/FR97/01232 filed July 8 1997. --

REMARKS

The Utility Application Transmittal Letter accompanying the entry into the US national stage request that the filing be considered in accordance with 35 USC 111(a) and 37 CFR 1.53(b) and 35 USC 371. The application is amended to recite the continuation status of the application and thereby the date accorded to the application for 35 USC 102(e) is the International Filing Date.

A certified copy of the priority French application No. 96 08582 filed July 9, 1996 is enclosed or will be submitted promptly.

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